

Changes to Chapter 1 between Draft and Final EIS

A brief overview description of the Southwest Idaho Ecogroup was added to the Proposed Action section.

National and Regional Issues were updated in the Issues section to reflect changes that have occurred since the publication of the Draft EIS.

Adjustments were made to the Issue Statement and Backgrounds in the Issues section to correspond with changes that were made in Chapter 3 and to provide better linkages with the alternative descriptions in Chapter 2.

One comprehensive change between DEIS and FEIS statements was the use of the phrase “Forest Plan management strategies” as a replacement for “Forest Plan alternatives” or any specific activities that could occur under the Forest Plans. This replacement language was used for nearly all of the issue statements in the FEIS. The Revision Team felt that “Forest Plan management strategies” was a more appropriate term to use in the Forest Plan revision EIS because the Forest Plans and the Plan alternatives do not implement any actions or activities under Forest Plan revision. They instead set the stage and sideboards for future activities by providing management direction, and management emphasis by alternative (represented by Management Prescription Categories or MPCs). Therefore, it is more appropriate for the Forest Plan EIS to analyze the potential effects of the management direction and MPCs, than the effects of any specific management activities that may or may not occur during the planning period. “Management strategies” is a term that encompasses both management direction (desired conditions, goals, objectives, standards, guidelines) and management emphasis/MPCs.